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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations relate to the disclosure of information in relation to public service delivery, pursuant to section 35 of the Digital Economy Act 2017 (c.30) (“the Act”).

They specify the Scottish bodies listed in regulation 2 as specified persons to be added to those set out in schedule 4 of the Act for the purposes of improving public service delivery.

The specified persons may share information for the purposes of objectives specified in relation to that body in regulations made under section 35(7). Under that power, Digital Government (Disclosure of Information) Regulations 2018 (S.I. 2018/912) will set out:—

- a multiple disadvantages objective to enable the disclosure of information to enable the identification of individuals or households who face multiple disadvantages;
- a television retuning objective to enable the disclosure of information in order to identify individuals and households and offer support under a television retuning scheme to individuals affected by changes to radio frequencies currently used by terrestrial television broadcasts at 470-790 MHz;
- a fuel poverty objective to enable the disclosure of information for the purposes of fuel poverty as defined in section 36(10) of the Act.

The Scottish Government and local authorities in Scotland are to be specified in those Regulations in relation to the multiple disadvantages and fuel poverty objectives. Local authorities in Scotland are also to be specified for the television retuning objective. Skills Development Scotland is to be specified in relation to the multiple disadvantages objective. Persons providing services to Scottish bodies are also to be specified in connection with the specified objectives.

A full impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no significant impact on the private, voluntary or public sectors is foreseen.